

COLLEGE BOYS IN A CLASS BATTLE.

Lively War Waged by Students
in the Cloak Room at
Columbia.

Due to an Insult Offered to the Fresh-
men by the Much Hated
Sophomores.

SEVERAL FACES ARE DISFIGURED.

After Two Attempts the Class of '99 Wipes
Out an Offending Inscription and
Goes to the Circus in
the Evening.

A fat little sophomore, with pink cheeks
and gold-rimmed glasses, crept into the
cloakroom of Columbia College yesterday
forenoon as the clock was striking 11.
With furtive glances he approached the
big bulletin board and hastily tacked on
it an inscription that read:

TO THE CLASS OF '99:
Dear Children—If you will be
good all day we will take you to
the circus to-night.
JES.

Forty minutes later a flock of students—
"freshmen" of '99—burst from their lecture
rooms and rushed into the cloakroom. A
loud yell issued from the lungs of the
rout as they tore down the insulting leg-
end. It was surprising to them how the
sophomore had learned of their solemn in-
tention to visit the circus that night.

The tearing down of the notice was too
much for the men of '98, and they deter-
mined to redeem their honor. So they
assembled in the college basement a little
later, and, taking up another sign in the
cloakroom removed their hats and pre-
pared to defend it. Just then Slinger, the
junior, happened along, and, amidst the
groans of the "sops," took down the leg-
end. A piece of chalk served to re-
place it.

The freshmen, having finished their recita-
tion, descended to the basement. Mat-
thews and Page were the first to see the
sign, and at once attacked the "sops." They
had not long to fight against such
odds, for the other "freshies" were quickly
stirred by the shouts of the juniors.
Dropping their books, they pitched in, and
in ten minutes the fight was over.

The freshmen threw themselves upon
their opponents, only to be hurled back.
The fight grew hotter and hotter, and blows
were freely exchanged.

During the fight the routs clung and
fell to the floor. Sometimes three or four
would be rolling about tightly grasping
each other. Now and then they were sepa-
rated by the upper class men, only to be
thrown back into the thick of the fight.

The fight lasted for nearly half an hour
before the boys did not
the scrimmage, but in the excitement for-
got their good intentions. The freshmen
were intent on ending the insulting words
on the blackboard and the "sops" were
equally determined to preserve their handi-
work. Blows were struck right and left
and when a man fell there were usually
three or four who went down with him.

Gaunts were torn off early in the fight
and before long progressed long the vests, col-
lars and then of some of the combatants
followed. This did not happen without
resistance, however, and if a man lost his
coat or his collar he was sure to give the
man who got it a black eye or an in-
jured nose.

Thus the fight went merrily on until the
arrival of men with bruised faces and
injured eyes was much greater than those
with coats or collars. Hats had been
destroyed early in the battle, and the men
who had men in which the crown and brim
were connected was lucky.

One by one the letters of the offending
inscription were rubbed from the wall, and
in the end the whole legend had dis-
appeared. Then the fighting men sepa-
rated of their own free will, and the class
roll of the freshmen was sounded with
much vigor.

The auditor witnessed the affair and
heard many names. During the following
hour Dean Van Amringe visited the sopho-
mores class and gave it a fatherly lecture.
He reminded the boys that there were
grounds more suited for the purpose of
rough plays, and hoped that no more fighting
would occur on the college grounds. The
sops thought that they had escaped easily,
and in consequence the freshmen who at-
tended the circus last night did so without
fear of interruption.

STRANGE ANIMALS ABOUT.

Two Alligators Captured Near Cincinnati,
and a Female Seal and Her Young
Killed Near Bangor.

Cincinnati, April 8.—George Fisher was
passing along the banks of the Miami
river about twelve miles east of this
city, yesterday, when he discovered four
alligators basking in the sun. He succeeded
in capturing two, but the others slid
into the river and escaped. The larger of
the two he captured is now fastened by a
cable in his yard. It is 6 feet 7 1/2 inches
in length. The other has been penned.

It is a question as to how the alligators
reached the Miami, for it is said to be im-
possible for them to have made the entire
journey from Southern waters. The
Miami empties into the Ohio river near
where the alligators were found.

Bangor, Me., April 8.—A monster seal
and pup of the type known as the bladder-
head, hooded seal, or outjig, were killed
at N. A. Bucksport, sixteen miles from
here, on the Penobscot river, to-day, by
George Hoxie. The mother seal was 8 1/2
feet long and weighed 5 1/2 pounds. The pup
was 4 feet long and weighed 75 pounds. The
pup was but a few hours old, measured
a foot 2 inches, and weighed about 75
pounds.

He was as large as a full-grown seal
and was found along the New England
coast. The mother seal could easily have
escaped, but she would not leave the pup.
She made a desperate fight, and nearly
drowned Hoxie before he dispatched her.

The last seal of this type known to have
been killed in this section was slain by
allians about forty years ago, just below
a city. It is thought that the seal wan-
dered from the coasts of Labrador, as they
not usually found south of that coun-

SHIP'S COAL EXPLODES

Crew of the Braboch Take to the Boats
and the Craft is Towed into
Port Abaze.

San Francisco, April 8.—With smoke
pouring out of her mizen hatch and the
sound of exploding gas from the hold oc-
curring at regular intervals, the British
ship Braboch was rushed into port yester-
day afternoon by the tug Vigilant. The
Braboch is from Newcastle, N. S. W.,
loaded with explosive colliery coal.

Carroll, of the Braboch, tells
the following story of the mishap: "On
April 3 we ran into a heavy southeast
gale, and three days later I discovered
smoke coming from the after hatch. An
hour later all the ventilator covers were
blown off. Everything was then battened
down, but early yesterday morning the hatch-
covers were blown off and the cover of the laz-
aretto went sailing through the cabin. After-
wards we noticed there was another
explosion, the canvas caught fire, and the
flames shot up as high as the mainmast,
ordering the two quarter boats supplied

OBJECT TO A NEW ARMORY.

Property Owners in Twenty-Third Street
Protest at a Meeting of
the Board.

The Armory Board, which consists of
Mayor Strong, Commissioner Collis, Com-
missioner Barker, General Fitzgerald and
Colonel Seward, gave a lengthy hearing yester-
day morning in the Mayor's office on the
proposition to build a new armory for the
Sixty-ninth Regiment, on the site now
occupied by the College of the City of New
York, southeast corner of Lexington avenue
and Twenty-third street.

There is much opposition among the
property owners of the neighborhood, who
think the armory would deprecate the
value of their real estate.

Ex-Judge Ernest Hall said he repre-
sented over 100 property owners who were
opposed.

The erection of a large armory on Twen-
ty-third street, he said, would seriously and
permanently injure it for business purposes.

WOMAN DEALT IN POLICY.

Mrs. Schroeder Sold Two Gigs to a Police-
man—Other Shop Keepers
Arrested.

Mrs. Lena Schroeder, of No. 371 West
Fifty-second street, was arraigned in York-
ville Court yesterday, on a charge of being
a policy dealer. Her husband keeps a cigar
store under the living rooms.

Officer O'Sullivan entered the cigar store
Tuesday and passed into the apartment in
the rear. He found Mrs. Schroeder at work
on a policy sheet.

The policeman laid down fifteen cents and
asked for two "gigs." The woman wrote the
two "gigs" and passed them to the police-
man.

The policeman pocketed the slips and
placed her under arrest.

When arraigned in court, Mrs. Schroeder
insisted upon a lawyer and an examination.

She was held in \$500 for examination to-
day. Mrs. Schroeder has two children.

Three other arrests of policy dealers were
made yesterday by the police of the York-

RAINES LAW UPHELD BY JUDGE BECKMAN.

He Decides That Lunch Cannot
Be Given Away with a
Drink of Liquor.

The New Measure Must Supersede
the Old Excise Law Whenever
the Two Clash.

HOW LICENSES WILL BE AFFECTED.

A Grotesque Condition of Affairs if One
Saloon Can Do One Thing and An-
other the Opposite—Much Liti-
gation in Prospect.

Justice Beekman, in Special Term of the
Supreme Court, yesterday sustained the
constitutionality of the Raines law, so far
as the measure applies to prohibiting free
lunch, by dismissing a writ of habeas
corpus for the production in court of Ben-
jamin Bassett, obtained by Lawyer Samuel
Untermeyer, Bassett, who was a bartender
at No. 144 Broadway, was held by Magis-
trate Crane for having given away food
with a drink. It was urged in his behalf
that the law did not apply to licenses still

by the laws existing at a time they were
granted, except in cases like the one before
him, where the old law clashed with the
provision of the Raines law, in which event,
the old laws must yield to the wall. He con-
tended:

"If the construction asked for by the
counsel for the relator should be adopted,
this singular and certainly most undesea-
rable condition would exist, that between
the first day of May and the first day of
July, 1896, during which liquor dealers in
this city will be lawfully engaged in the
business, some under the old licenses and
others under the new liquor tax certificates,
it would be lawful for the former to sell
between 12 and 1 o'clock on Monday morn-
ing, to maintain shades and screens before
their windows and to give away food, while
it would be unlawful and criminal for the
latter to do the same thing."

"It is not reasonable to suppose that the
Legislature intended to sanction a condition
so grotesque as this, or so mischievous in
the contempt for the law which it would
naturally inspire. I am thus led to the
conclusion that the provisions of section
31 are now in force, and that the relator
was properly committed by the magistrate
before whom he was arraigned."

ARMED FOR THE FIGHT.

This decision, following that of the Court
of Appeals, declaring that clubs do not
"traffic" in liquor, and that liquor can be
sold to members without the clubs being
compelled to take out licenses, has en-
couraged lawyers to believe that the Raines
law is unconstitutional.

The enemies of the law are confident
that the courts will be kept busy deciding
questions affecting the constitutionality of
a great many of its provisions. The brew-

TIE-UP OR BACK DOWN IS EXPECTED TO-DAY.

The Crisis in the Dispute Between
Cable Company and Employees
Has Been Reached.

President Mahon, of the Amalga-
mated Association, Is Discour-
aged at the Outlook.

O'CONNELL OPPOSES THE PLAN.

He Says the Men Are in No Condition
to Begin the Fight—The Company's
Plan to Keep Its Friends
Together.

There was a feeling yesterday that the
crisis in the dispute between the Metro-
politan Street Railway Company and its
employees had been reached. The indica-
tions were that either a tie-up would be
ordered within the next twenty-four hours
or the men would declare the fight off.

The reply of President Vreeland, of the
Metropolitan Street Railway Company, to
President Mahon, of the Amalgamated As-
sociation, showed plainly that the company
would concede nothing.

President Mahon, when told of President
Vreeland's reply, appeared to be very much

THE EMPLOYEES SIDE OF IT.

President Mahon Says that the Cable Car Men
Will Not Strike Unless Forced to do so.

To the Editor of the Journal:
The Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees is determined to
use every possible means to avert a strike, and I believe that should a strike
be considered necessary, it will be forced on us by the policy of the company.
The letter of President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company,
will not be taken up until the next meeting of the Executive Board of our
division. A committee will be appointed to visit the Mayor and other city offi-
cials to demand that the law regulating street railways be enforced as the first
step toward obtaining fair conditions for the men.

Meetings are being held at various points in the city. A representative of
the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen called at our headquarters to-day and
pledged the support of his organization to us in any emergency. We have also
received similar assurances of support from other organizations throughout the
city. In accordance with the provisions of our constitution we will use every
fair means of bringing matters to an amicable settlement before a strike is de-
clared upon.

W. D. MAHON,
National President Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of
America.

ers have secured the best legal talent in
the city to fight the law. The clubs will
not doubt unite in attacking it on the Court
of Appeals decision on the old law. Coun-
sel for the Hotel Keepers' Association will
also be prepared to pick flaws in the law.

Restaurant keepers are preparing for a
legal battle to protect themselves and the
managers of the hotels used for dancing pur-
poses are getting ready to appear in court
in defence of their business.

COUNTED ON SYMPATHY.

Brabazon Told Agent Bagg, According to
the Latter, That No Jury Would Con-
vict the Bermuda's Men.

In the trial of the Cubans and their com-
patriots, who are accused of firing out
the Bermuda filibustering expedition, going
on before Judge Brown, in the United
States Court, Assistant-District Attorney
Hummel yesterday tried to prove the fact
of a conspiracy by the introduction of evi-
dence obtained by opening the trunk of
Captain Hughes, of the Bermuda. Mr. Hum-
mel sought to substantiate this by the
testimony of ex-Secretary Agent Stanley
S. Bagg and his brother, George H.
Bagg, who is in charge of the New York
division.

The attempt of the defence to keep out
evidence of matters Mr. Bagg had dis-
covered after opening the trunk was unsuccess-
ful. The sum and substance of Agent
Bagg's testimony was that Captain Braba-
zon had made a statement to him, in which
he said he had been employed by John D.
Hart, of Philadelphia, to come to New York
for the purpose of assuming a command-
ing position on board a steamer chartered
to carry men, arms and ammunition to Cuba.

Agent Bagg also testified that Brabazon
was not forced to sign a statement in
which he swore twelve jurors could not be
found in America who would convict the
alleged filibusters. Bagg further stated
that he had found pistols, rifles, machetes,
daggers, knives, and a "red cross" medicine
box. He declared that he had told Brabazon, "I
will railroad you unless you make a state-
ment."

The government will conclude this morn-
ing its efforts to prove that the mission of
the Bermuda was in violation of the new
travelling laws.

EX-SEC. DOYLE'S SHORTAGE.

He Must Settle Promptly or Be Prose-
cuted.

Albany, April 8.—The State Fisheries,
Game and Forest Commission this after-
noon met in this city and received a re-
port on the shortage of ex-Secretary E. P.
Doyle.

The total shortage was \$16,000, and there
was collected back by the Commission \$10,
301, leaving a balance of \$6,699 still due
the State. The report was referred to the
Executive Committee, which was instructed
to notify Mr. Doyle to pay up, or, if
he did not, the matter would be placed in
the hands of the Attorney-General.

A LITTLE Smarter in Style,
A LITTLE Better in Quality,
A GREAT Deal Lower in Price.
McCANN'S SPRING HATS,
210 Bowery, near Spring St.

MAJORS CEMENT

TO-DAY,

and until Saturday evening at TEN O'CLOCK, we shall make goods
to order as follows:

Trousers \$3.25 TO-DAY, SUITS \$10.50 TO-DAY.

TROUSERS are of French and English
Worsted, very handsome.

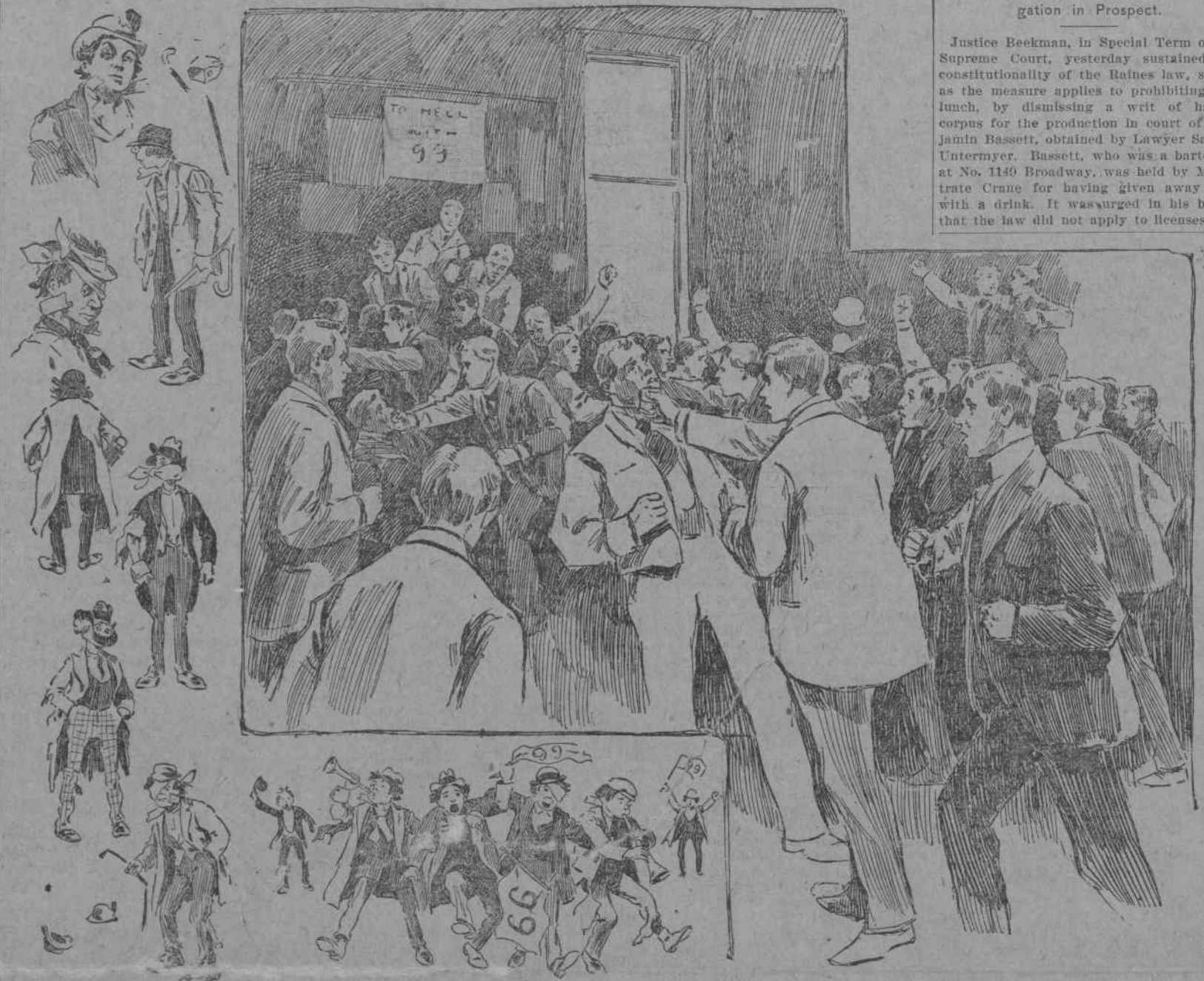
Overcoats \$10.50 TO-DAY, Coats & Vests \$10.50 TO-DAY (silk lined).

OVERCOATS are of the fashionable light
Tan, Covert Cloth, or of dark material.

Every garment cut by our own Custom
Cutters—right here on the premises—cut
and guaranteed. Every garment made by our own Custom Tailors right here on
the premises—workmanship guaranteed.

To make ample room for every customer, we have taken the adjoining store, where
the cloths (more than fifty styles) will be spread out for easy selection. Remember
the offer holds good TO-DAY and until 10 o'clock Saturday night. Open this even-
ing until 9 o'clock.

J. J. Oestreich, IMPORTING
TAILOR,
6th Avenue, Corner 28th St.



SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ENGAGE IN A CLASS BATTLE IN THE CLOAK ROOM.

The members of the class of '99 planned to go to the circus last night and were surprised when what they regarded as an insulting placard showed that their intention was known to the sophomores. The freshmen attempted to destroy the offending inscription and the sophomores tried to preserve it. A lively scrimmage resulted, in which clothing was destroyed and faces bruised. The freshmen finally triumphed and wiped out the offending words.

He enlisted the Sixty-ninth Regiment and
admitted it was a model of a new armory.
Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt explained
that he had no personal opposition to the
location, and had no enmity toward the
Sixty-ninth Regiment, because many of its
members are Irish-Americans.
"If the armory is built where it is pro-
posed to build it," he said, "it will place
a blank wall opposite the house where I
was married, where I have lived all my
married life and where all my children
were born."

Thimbleus Moriarty and Dr. George H.
Newham also spoke against the armory
site.
Ex-Public Administrator Lydecker said
it would be impossible to select any site
for an armory without objections from
property owners. The Board took no
action.

Count Yamagata Leaving New York.
Omaha, Neb., April 8.—Field Marshal
Count Yamagata, of Japan, arrived in Omaha
this afternoon over the Union Pacific
at 4:45. He is accompanied by his staff,
and will remain here until Thursday after-
noon, when he will proceed East.

Acting Inspector Harley and a squad of
detectives from the Central Office raided a
pool room at No. 1270 Broadway yesterday
afternoon and arrested "Bob" Irving, the
alleged proprietor, and Thomas H. Stevens,
the sheet writer. Two men, who de-
scribed themselves as John Johnson and
John Garvey, were also arrested as sus-
picious persons, but were released, there
not being sufficient evidence against them.

Irving and Stevens were locked up in the
West Third street police station charged
with violating the pool room section of the
Percy-Gray law.

"Bob" Irving is well known on the race
tracks throughout the country as a book-
maker. A year or two ago, in order to test
the constitutionality of the racing laws in
this State, he commenced suit against
Joseph Britton, who was then at the head
of a society for the suppression of vice and
crime, to recover money owed him by Brit-
ton for race track "markers." The suit
was decided against Irving. About three
months ago he opened the pool room at No.
1270 Broadway. He rented offices on the
third floor of the building and fitted them
up as a broker's office. Quotations on all
the horses running on western tracks, with
the jockeys' names and the description of
the races, were received by telegraph, the
same as in the days when pool rooms flour-
ished in the Tenderloin.

The pool room was conducted openly and
without interference from the police, al-
though it was located in the busiest part
of upper Broadway. About two weeks ago
the police of the Central Office learned of
the pool room and detectives were detailed
to secure the evidence necessary to raid the
place.

The detectives placed wagers on
horses running at the New Orleans and
Little Rock race courses, and became well
acquainted with Irving and Stevens. About
five o'clock yesterday afternoon the detec-
tives, with Inspector Harley, went to the
pool room. There were at the time about
twenty-five men in the room waiting for a
decision in the fifth race. Before entering
the offices the detectives drew their re-
volvers, and when the crowd of sports saw
the police officers with drawn revolvers in
their hands there was a wild scramble for
the stairs.

In the confusion the detectives seized the
"book roll," amounting to \$368, and the
telegraph instrument, and placed Irving,
Stevens, Johnson and Garvey under arrest.
The prisoners all declared that they were
wagering on horses, and as there was no
evidence against Johnson and Garvey they
were released.

Irving and Stevens will be arraigned in
Jefferson Market Court to-day.
"Al" Adams, the policy king, called at
the station and bailed out the prisoners.
Magistrate Crane went to the station and
took the bond.

Robert M. Larnier Takes a Bride.
Horn, N. Y., April 8.—The marriage of
Miss Helen Adelaide De Forest, of this
city, to Robert M. Larnier, of Washington,
was celebrated at the home of the bride,
in Troy, this afternoon. There were many
guests from out of the city. The bride-
groom is the Washington correspondent of
the New York newspaper. The bride is
prominent in social and literary circles.
Among the wedding presents were gifts
from Senator Murphy, of New York, and
Senator Smith, of New Jersey.



HAVEMEYER BUILDING AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

A memorial to the late Frederick Christian Havemeyer, in the form of a magnificent structure, costing
\$450,000, to be used as a chemical building, will be erected at the new site of Columbia College, on Morris-
side Heights. Those making the presentation are Mr. Havemeyer's nephew, Charles H. Seiff; his four sons, Freder-
ick C. Theodore A., Thomas J. and Henry O. Havemeyer, and his daughters, Kate B. Belloni and S. Louisa
Jackson. In the letter of gift the donors say: "We trust that the building may be long used for the educational
purposes of the university, and that in its usefulness it may be a fitting memorial to the useful life in whose
memory the gift is made." It is proposed to erect in all eighteen buildings on the new site of Columbia College,
which was purchased at a cost of \$2,000,000 from the Bloomingdale Asylum. This property extends from One
Hundred and Sixteenth to One Hundred and Twentieth street, and covers about seventeen acres. This makes
possible a most effective placing of the buildings, and the college authorities propose to erect the finest group
of buildings possessed by any educational institution in America. The Library building, having a great dome,
and built in style similar to the Pantheon at Athens, will be the central structure. This will be flanked on
one side by Schermerhorn Hall and by Havemeyer Hall, or the Chemical building, on the other. The remain-
ing buildings will be grouped about the library, with the exception of the largest, University Hall, which will
be placed in the centre of the north end of the grounds. Work on the Library building is now progressing.
The ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stones of Schermerhorn Hall and the Physics building will
take place May 2. It is proposed by the college authorities to move to the new site in October, 1897. It is not
intended that any part of the present endowment of the college shall be used for the building; neither is it ex-
pected that the large sum of money necessary for erecting all the buildings will be secured, for some years to
come. This Havemeyer building is the third that has been given by the university since the new location was de-
clared upon, and there is yet ample opportunity for generous citizens to donate buildings which will be useful and
lasting memorials.